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E.O.11652: N/A
TAGS: CGEN
SUBJECT: VISAS FOR BENIN

REF: A. COTONOU 476, B. COTONOU 511 (NOTAL)

1. FRENCH CONSUL ADVISES THAT FRENCH EMBASSIES NO LONGER AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE VISAS FOR BENIN. AUTHORIZATION ACTUALLY EXPIRED IN 1975, BUT FRENCH EMBASSY COTONOU ONLY NOTED THIS RECENTLY.

2. ONLY NEARBY BENINESE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ABLE TO ISSUE VISAS FOR BENIN ARE IN LAGOS, ACCRA, AND NIAMEY. ACCRA RECENTLY REFUSED VISAS FOR

SOME AMERICAN APPLICANTS, AND LAGOS TOLD RECENT APPLICANTS THEY MUST WAIT TEN DAYS FOR CHECK IN COTONOU BEFORE VISA CAN BE ISSUED. WE HAVE NO RECENT DATA ON EASE OF GETTING VISAS IN NIAMEY.

3. CONSUL TALKED TO IMMIGRATION DIRECTOR ABOUT PROBLEM. DIRECTOR SAID PROBLEM WAS SERIOUS ONE, WHICH NE NOW PRESENTING TO HIGHER AUTHORIT

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IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH NEW VISA POLICY. AS TEMPORARY MEASURE, THOSE ARRIVING AT FRONTIERS AND AIRPORT ARE BEING PERMITTED TO ENTER WITHOUT VISA, TO REPORT TO IMMIGRATION OFFICE AT EARLIEST OPPOR-TUNITY. THIS IS TEMPORARY MEASURE, AND HE UNABLE TO GIVE ASSURANCES HOW LONG THIS WILL CONTINUE. DIRECTOR DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT HE WILL ENSURE ENTRY WHENEVER CONSUL BRINGS SPECIFIC CASE TO HIS ATTENTION.

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4. REQUEST ANY VISA-LESS TRAVELERS FOR BENIN NOTIFY AMEMBASSY
COTONOU AT LEAST THREE WORKING DAYS IN ADVANCE, TO PERMIT TIME FOR
CONSUL TO ARRANGE ENTRY.
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